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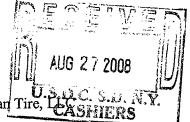
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SELECTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA a/s/o GEORGE ELLIS,

Plaintiff,

-against-

BRIDGESTONE FIRESTONE NORTH AMERICAN TIRE, LLC,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 08-cv-7573 (DLC) (DFE)

RULE 7.1 STATEMENT

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Pursuant to Rule 7.1 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and to enable Judges and Magistrate Judges of the Court to evaluate possible disqualification or recusal, the undersigned counsel of record for defendant Bridgestone Firestone North American Tire, LLC ("Firestone"), a private (non-governmental) corporate party states as follows:

Firestone is wholly-owned by Bridgestone Americas Holding, Inc. Bridgestone Americas Holding, Inc. is owned by Bridgestone Corporation, a Japanese entity. Bridgestone Corporation has no parent corporation, and no publicly held company owns ten percent or more of Bridgestone Corporation's stock. Bridgestone Corporation stock is traded on the Tokyo Exchange.

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